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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0050] with the following amended paragraph:

[0050] Many suitable bioabsorbable materials have been used for sutures, surgical implements, and the like. A small sample of these materials are set forth in the following U.S. patents, to wit: U.S. Pat. No. 5,997,568, issued to [[Lin]] Liu on Dec. 7, 1999 and the following patents issued in 1999 to Roby et al.: U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,914,387; 5,902,874 and 5,902,875. A selected one or more of these, or similar materials, are placed upon a conventional pad. The general principles of V.A.C.® therapy are followed. During the expected duty cycle of the pad, the bioabsorbable material is absorbed by the growing cells, so, that when the pad is removed, the bioabsorbable material had been absorbed, and the growing cells were not disturbed. The pad is replaced, if necessary, either by a conventional pad or by a matrix containing pad, as deemed therapeutically necessary.